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SUBJ: PAK- IRAQ RELATIONS: BURYING THE HATCHET

1. GOP HAS TAKEN OCCASION OF CURRENT VISIT BY IRAQI
EDUCATION MINISTER ABDUL SATTAR AL- JAWARI TO INDICATE
ALL IS FORGIVEN (IF NOT FORGOTTEN) WITH REGARD FEB 10
DISCOVERY OF ARSENAL OF SMUGGLED WEAPONS IN IRAQI
CHANCERY ISLAMABAD.

2. EXCHANGING TOAST AT APRIL 20 DINNER IN AL- JAWARI' S
HONOR, MINISTER OF STATE FOR DEFENSE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS
AZIZ AHMED DECLARED THAT GOP APPRECIATED INITIATIVE TAKEN
BY GOI IN SENDING AL- JAWARI TO REESTABLISH TIES ON
NOT ONLY FRIENDLY BUT FRATERNAL BASIS. HE SAID PAKS
WERE GLAD TO LEARN IRAQIS WISHED RESTORE CORDIAL
RELATIONS SUCH AS EXISTED PRIOR FEB 10 INCIDENT. HE
HAD HAD " VERY FRANK AND FRIENDLY TALKS WITH IRAQI
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VISITOR, AZIZ AHMED ADDED, WHICH WERE INSPIRED BY AL-JAWARI'S DESIRE REMOVE DIFFICULTIES WHICH HAD RECENTLY CREPT INTO PAK-IRAQ RELATIONS.

3. SPEAKING IN REPLY, AL-JAWARI SAID HIS GOVERNMENT ASPIRED TO BETTER RELATIONS WITH PAKISTAN AND THAT, WITH GOODWILL ON BOTH SIDES, RESULTS HIS VISIT SHOULD PLEASE BOTH GOVERNMENTS.

4. FINAL SEAL ON RECONCILIATION WAS AL-JAWARI'S APRIL 21 COURTESY CALL ON PRES BHUTTO, AT WHICH HE REPORTEDLY BROUGHT VERBAL MESSAGE FROM IRAQI PRESIDENT.

5. COMMENT: WE WOULD LIKE TO ASSUME THAT IRAQIS, THROUGH EITHER AL-JAWARI OR PERHAPS OTHER CHANNELS, HAVE PROVIDED GOP WITH PLAUSIBLE EXPLANATION OF THEIR INTENTIONS IN SMUGGLING ARMS INTO PAKISTAN. IF SO, NO WORD HAS YET LEAKED OUT HERE. GOP EXPLOITED FEB 10 ARMS INCIDENT ENERGETICALLY TO BELABOR DOMESTIC OPPOSITION AND, MORE CAREFULLY, TO HINT AT SOVIET MACHINATIONS IN SOUTH ASIA, BUT HAS SAID VIRTUALLY NOTHING ABOUT IRAQ'S PRIMARY ROLL.
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